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About This Guide

This guide contains installation procedures and technical information about the 3Com® Token Ring-in-Fast Ethernet Server network interface card (3C395 NIC).

This guide is for those who install the card as part of a 3Com Token Ring-in-Fast Ethernet (TR-in-FE) network configuration.

It is assumed that users are familiar with NICs and with Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, and token ring network operations.

If the information in the release notes shipped with the product differs from the information in this guide, follow the information in the release notes.

Conventions

Table 1 and Table 2 list conventions that are used throughout this guide.

Table 1 Notice Icons

Icon	Notice Type	Description
	Information note	Important features or instructions
	Caution	Information to alert you to potential damage to a program, system, or device
	Warning	Information to alert you to potential personal injury

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Table 2 Text Conventions

Convention	Description
`Screen displays`	This typeface represents information as it appears on the screen.
The words "enter" and "type"	When you see the word "enter" in this guide, you must type something, and then press the Return or Enter key. Do not press the Return or Enter key when an instruction simply says "type."
Keyboard key names	If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are linked with a plus sign (+). For example: Press Ctrl+Alt+Del.
Menu commands and *buttons*	Menu commands or button names appear in italics. Example: From the *Help* menu, select *Contents*.
Words in *italicized* type	Italics emphasize a point or denote new terms at the place where they are defined in the text.
Words in **bold-face** type	Bold text denotes key features.

Related Documentation

The following document contains information about installing and using a TR-in-FE network configuration:

SuperStack II Switch 2000 TR Token Ring-in-Fast Ethernet Module (part number 99045)

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1 INTRODUCTION

The 3Com® Token Ring-in-Fast Ethernet Server network interface card (3C395 NIC) allows a Fast Ethernet server to receive encapsulated token ring packets. The 3C395 NIC is part of a 3Com Token Ring-in-Fast Ethernet (TR-in-FE) system that allows both Ethernet and token ring clients to share Fast Ethernet servers without the use of bridging, routing, or proprietary code.

A basic TR-in-FE system, shown in Figure 1-1, gives token ring clients access to a 100 Mbps server. Such a system requires these components:

- Fast Ethernet switch (SuperStack® II Switch 3000)
- TR-in-FE server (a Fast Ethernet server with a 3C395 NIC)
- 3Com SuperStack II Switch 2000 TR with a 3Com SuperStack II Switch 2000 TR Token Ring-in-Fast Ethernet Module (TR-in-FE module)

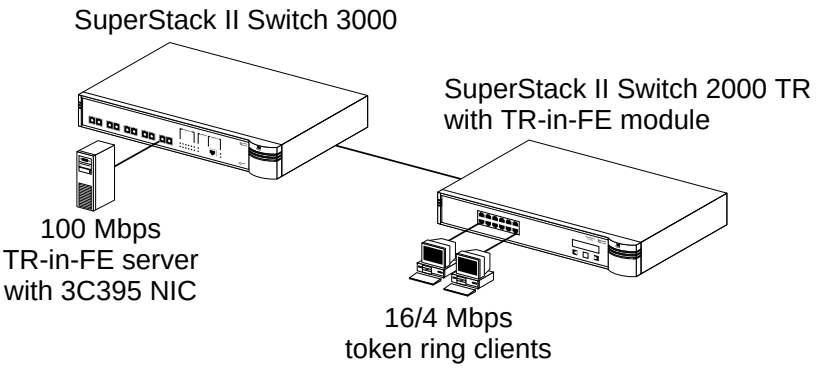

Figure 1-1 Basic TR-in-FE System

In a basic system, token ring clients connect to a SuperStack II Switch 2000 TR equipped with a TR-in-FE module. The TR-in-FE module encapsulates token ring packets within Fast Ethernet frames and allows interconnection to a Fast Ethernet switch connected to the TR-in-FE server. The 3C395 NIC allows the TR-in-FE server to receive the encapsulated token ring packets, thus providing access to the 100 Mbps server for token ring clients.

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A larger-scale TR-in-FE configuration appears in Figure 1-2. Such a system allows both token ring and Ethernet devices to share the same Fast Ethernet physical wiring infrastructure and server base. Servers that are to be used for both token ring and Fast Ethernet clients must be equipped with both 3C395 and Fast Ethernet NICs.

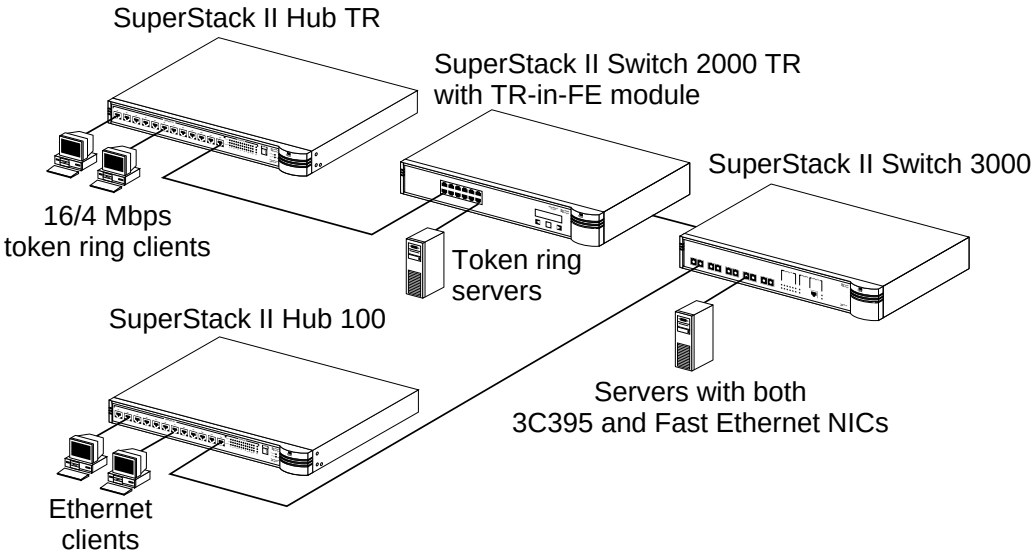

Figure 1-2 Larger-Scale TR-in-FE System

The 3C395 NIC is based on 3Com Fast Ethernet technology. The NIC has the following features:

- Parallel Tasking® architecture for high throughput and low processor utilization
- Support for full-duplex operation
- Support for PCI 2.0 or higher specifications
- 32-bit bus master design
- Status LEDs
- Single shielded RJ-45 connector
- Support for Category 5 unshielded twisted-pair (UTP) cabling for 100BASE-TX Fast Ethernet networks

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2 HARDWARE INSTALLATION

The 3C395 NIC is only part of an entire TR-in-FE system. This guide only describes how to install the NIC in a Fast Ethernet server. For details on installing and setting up the TR-in-FE module, see the documentation for the TR-in-FE module: *SuperStack II Switch 2000 TR Token Ring-in-Fast Ethernet Module* (part number 99045).

Safety Precautions

Observe the following safety precautions.

WARNING: *Personal computers operate with voltages that can be lethal. Before removing the cover, turn off the computer and unplug it. Disconnect all cables that are connected to the main system unit. Remove jewelry from your hands and wrists. Use insulated or nonconductive tools.*

CAUTION: *The NIC is packed in an antistatic container to protect it during shipment. To avoid damaging the NIC or the PC, reduce static electricity on your body by wearing an electrostatic discharge wrist strap attached to the chassis or by touching an unpainted metal part of the chassis before handling the NIC.*

CAUTION: *Install the 3C395 NIC in a PCI slot that conforms to PCI 2.0 or higher specifications. Do not attempt to install the NIC in an ISA or EISA slot. Doing so may damage the NIC and the computer.*

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Installation Requirements

Before you install the 3C395 NIC, the TR-in-FE module must be installed in the SuperStack II Switch 2000 TR and set up as described in the TR-in-FE documentation. Other installation requirements are summarized in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 Installation Requirements

Processor	80486 or Pentium.
Server RAM	At least 640 KB.
PCI slot	One slot that conforms to PCI 32-bit specifications, revision 2.0 or higher.
Disk drive	High-density 3.5-inch floppy diskette.
Cable	UTP Category 5.
Connector	RJ-45.
Software	One 3Com software diskette containing TR-in-FE drivers.
Operating system	■ Novell NetWare version 3.12 with LANDR9.EXE and 312PTA.EXE upgrade patches for ODI 3.3. ■ Novell NetWare version 4.1x. ■ Microsoft Windows NT version 3.5.1. ■ Microsoft Windows NT version 4.0.
Server BIOS	Latest version. Contact the PC manufacturer to verify.

Installation Instructions

Be sure that the TR-in-FE module is installed and set up as described in the TR-in-FE documentation. Then follow these steps to install the 3C395 NIC:

1 Unpack and inspect the NIC.

Observe static electricity precautions. Verify that you have the following items:

- 3C395 NIC
- 3Com software diskette
- *Token Ring-in-Fast Ethernet Network Interface Card User Guide*

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If you find a problem, contact the network supplier and the carrier that delivered the package. If you need to return a NIC to 3Com, pack it in the original (or equivalent) packing material to maintain the warranty.

Complete the Product Registration Card and return it to 3Com. Or call 1-800-NET-3Com for immediate registration.

2 Remove the computer cover.

If necessary, refer to the PC manufacturer's documentation for details on removing the computer cover.

3 Insert the 3C395 NIC in a PCI slot.

The PCI slot must conform to *PCI Local Bus Specification,* revision 2.0 or higher.

Select an available PCI slot and remove the expansion cover plate. (Keep the screw.) Insert the NIC securely in the PCI slot (*not* in an ISA or EISA slot). Replace the screw. See Figure 2-1.

If necessary, refer to the PC manufacturer's documentation for details on installing expansion boards.

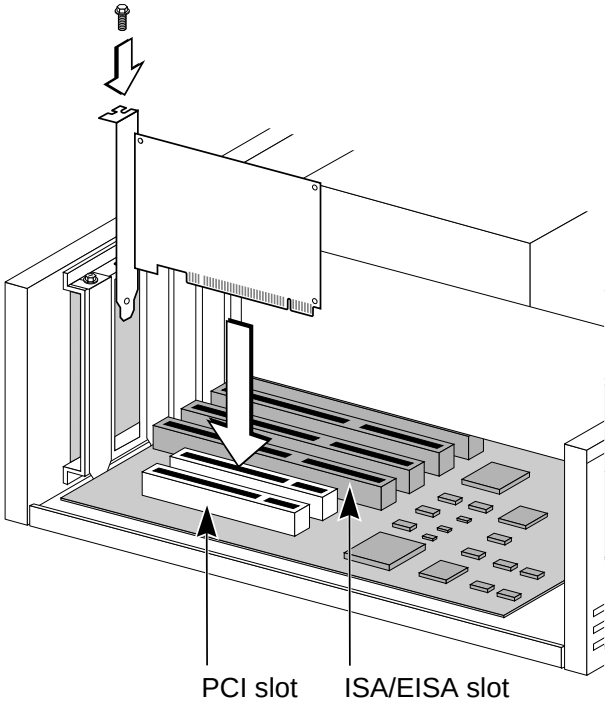

Figure 2-1 Inserting the NIC in a PCI Slot

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4 Connect a Category 5 UTP network cable with an RJ-45 connector between the NIC and a Fast Ethernet hub or switch. See Figure 2-2.

For optimal performance, use a Fast Ethernet switch that supports frame sizes larger than 1500 bytes, such as the 3Com SuperStack II Switch 3000.

CAUTION: *Connect the cable only to the 3C395 NIC you just installed. Connecting the cable to other NICs could seriously damage the NIC and the network. Do not daisy-chain NICs or connect them back to back.*

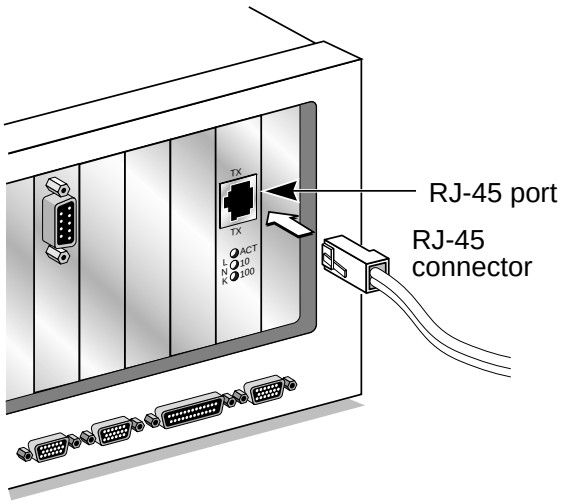

Figure 2-2 Connecting the Cable

5 Turn on the PC and check the NIC LEDs.

When the PC is turned on, the PC BIOS automatically configures the NIC's base I/O address (port address) and interrupt request (IRQ) line. You can only change these settings in the PC BIOS. However, you can set other parameters or run diagnostics with the Configuration and Diagnostic Program, which is provided on the 3Com diskette.

Check that the 100 LNK LED on the NIC is green, which indicates that the NIC is functioning properly. See Figure 2-3.

The NIC must be connected to the network before you can install drivers or run diagnostics.

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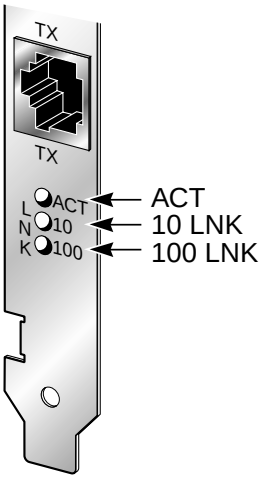

ACT: Off until the network driver is installed;
after driver installation, yellow indicates port traffic

10 LNK: Green indicates 10 Mbps link integrity

100 LNK: Green indicates 100 Mbps link integrity

Figure 2-3 NIC LEDs at Power Up

Before You Install Software

Before you install a software driver, you may want to run the Configuration and Diagnostic Program, as described in Chapter 4.

See the instructions in Chapter 3 to install the driver from the 3Com diskette. For information on LED states after the software is installed, see Table 4-1 in Chapter 4.

Be sure that the NIC hardware and software are installed correctly before replacing the computer cover.

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3 SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

This chapter describes how to install 3C395 NIC software drivers. The following drivers are supported:

- NetWare Server 3.12 or 4.1x
- Windows NT 3.51 or 4.0

The NIC must be connected to the network before you can install drivers.

Obtaining the Latest Drivers

You can obtain the latest drivers from 3Com's World Wide Web site. To access the site, set your Internet browser to the 3Com URL:

http://www.3com.com/

You can also obtain the latest drivers on the 3Com bulletin board (3ComBBS). For information on how to access 3ComBBS, see Appendix B.

Installing the NetWare Server Driver

If you already have a network connection on your PC, ask your network administrator how to proceed with the installation. For existing network connections, some of the following instructions may not apply or may produce different results.

Drivers and NetWare Loadable Modules (NLMs) for NetWare versions 3.12 and 4.1x are located in these directories on the 3Com diskette:

- NetWare 3.12: \NWSERVER\3.12
- NetWare 4.1x: \NWSERVER\4.1x

Use the most recent NLMs available. Compare the versions that accompanied your NetWare software with the NLM files on the 3Com diskette, and use the latest versions. For the latest NLMs, contact Novell.

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You should know how to use the Novell installation program and have the network information, such as protocols, required for installation. If you need help with network information, see your system administrator.

The NetWare server software must be already installed but not yet running.

NetWare 3.12

Install the LANDR9.EXE and 312PTA.EXE patches from Novell. These patches upgrade the server to ODI 3.3 specifications. Then follow these steps to install the driver:

1. **Insert the 3Com diskette in the drive and copy all of the files from the \NWSERVER\3.12 directory on the diskette to the server hard disk.**
2. **At the DOS prompt, enter this command to start the server software:**

   ```
   server
   ```

3. **At the console prompt, enter:**

   ```
   load install
   ```

4. **Select the option to edit the AUTOEXEC.NCF file.**

   Add lines to the file to load the driver and bind a protocol. For example, if C:\SERVER is the directory where you copied files in step 1 and the protocol is IPX, add these lines:

   ```
   load c:\server\tif.lan
   bind ipx tif net = number
   ```

   where *number* is the unique IPX internal network number assigned to the network.

5. **Save the AUTOEXEC.NCF file.**
6. **Exit to DOS and restart the server.**

NetWare 4.1x

Follow these steps to install the driver:

1. **At the DOS prompt, enter this command to start the server software:**

   ```
   server
   ```

2. **At the console prompt, enter:**

   ```
   load install
   ```

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3 **At the following prompts, make these selections:**
   - Installation Options: *Driver Options*
   - Driver Options: *Configure Network Drivers*
   - Additional Driver Actions: *Select a Driver*

   The installation proceeds.

4 **At the *Select a Driver* menu, insert the 3Com diskette in the drive.**

5 **Press Insert to add a driver from the diskette.**

6 **Press F3 to change the path to the drive that contains the 3Com diskette.**

7 **At the DOS prompt, enter the path for the driver:**
   `nwserver\4.1x`
   The installation proceeds.

8 **At the prompt for NIC selection, select *3Com Token Ring-in-Fast Ethernet Driver*.**
   As the installation continues, provide network information when prompted.

9 **When the installation is finished, exit to DOS and restart the server.**

Installing the Windows NT Driver

Follow the instructions for Windows NT 3.51 or for Windows NT 4.0.

Windows NT 3.51

Follow these steps to install the driver:

1 **Start Windows NT and log on.**

2 **In the Control Panel, double-click *Network*.**

3 **In the Network Settings window, click *Add Adapter.***

4 **In the Add Network Adapter window, scroll to *(<other> Requires disk from manufacturer)* and click *Continue*.**

5 **Insert the 3Com diskette in the drive and make that the active drive.**

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6 **In the Select OEM Option box, select *3Com TIF Server NIC (3C395) for NDIS 3* and click *OK*.**

If you are prompted for network information, contact your system administrator.

7 **In the Network Settings window, click *OK*.**

8 **In the Network Settings Change window, click *Restart Now*.**

Windows NT 4.0

Follow these steps to install the driver:

1 **Start Windows NT and log on.**

2 **In the Control Panel, double-click *Network*.**

3 **In the Network window, click *Adapters*.**

4 **In the Adapters tab, click *Add*.**

5 **In the Select Network Adapters window, click *Have Disk*.**

6 **Insert the 3Com diskette in the drive, make that the active drive, and click *OK*.**

7 **In the Select OEM Option box, select *3Com TIF Server NIC (3C395) for NDIS 4* and click *OK*.**

As the installation proceeds, provide network information when prompted. Contact your system administrator for this information.

8 **In the Network Adapters tab, click *Close*.**

Bindings messages appear.

9 **In the Network Settings Change window, click *Yes* to restart the computer.**

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4 TROUBLESHOOTING

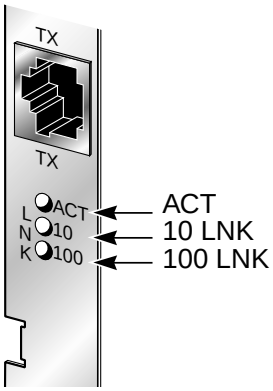
This chapter describes how to use the 3C395 NIC LEDs and diagnostic tests as troubleshooting aids. It also provides tips for troubleshooting.

LEDs

Before the LEDs can be used for troubleshooting, the NIC must be connected to the network (see Chapter 2) and the network driver must be installed (see Chapter 3).

Table 4-1 describes the 3C395 NIC LEDs.

Table 4-1 3C395 NIC LED Descriptions



LED	Color	Flashing	Steady	Off
ACT	Yellow: Port traffic for 10 or 100 Mbps	Network traffic present	Heavy network traffic	No traffic
10 LNK	Green: Link integrity	Not applicable	Good 10BASE-T connection between NIC and hub	No connection between NIC and hub
100 LNK	Green: Link integrity	Not applicable	Good 100BASE-TX connection between NIC and hub	No connection between NIC and hub

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DOS Diagnostic Tests

You can run the Configuration and Diagnostic Program to perform DOS diagnostic tests after installing the 3C395 NIC or if you suspect a hardware failure.

Table 4-2 summarizes the DOS diagnostic tests.

Table 4-2 DOS Diagnostic Tests

Test	Description
Group 1	These tests check the following items: ■ Register Access ■ EEPROM ■ FIFO Loopback ■ Ethernet Core Loopback ■ Encoder/Decoder Loopback ■ Interrupt
Group 2	This test does not apply to the 3C395 NIC.
Group 3	The Echo Exchange Test tests the NIC's ability to transmit and receive data while on the network. To run this test, you need another PC to set up as an echo server that receives packets from the NIC being tested and echoes them back to the NIC.

If the NIC passes the Group 1 and Group 3 tests, hardware failure is ruled out. If a problem remains, look at cabling, software, and other issues that affect network functionality.

About the Configuration and Diagnostic Program

The Configuration and Diagnostic Program is a DOS application that must be run with no drivers or memory managers installed. You need to boot from DOS without running the AUTOEXEC.BAT or CONFIG.SYS files. The program does not run in Windows NT DOS windows.

Windows NT users need to boot the computer from a bootable DOS diskette before starting the Configuration and Diagnostic Program.

Table 4-3 summarizes how to select items and move through the Configuration and Diagnostic Program.

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Table 4-3 Using the Configuration and Diagnostic Program

Task	Action
To select buttons	Press Tab and then press Enter.
To select other items	Use the arrow keys, and press Enter.
To escape a screen	Press Esc.
To get help	Select an item and press F1.

Running Group 1 Tests

Be sure that the NIC is installed correctly. Then follow these steps to run the Group 1 tests:

1 **Boot the PC under DOS.**

The Configuration and Diagnostic Program is a DOS application. It must be run in DOS, not in a DOS window. It will not run if memory managers or other device drivers have been loaded.

2 **Insert the 3Com diskette in the drive and make that the active drive.**

3 **Enter this command at the DOS prompt to start the Configuration and Diagnostic Program:**

```
3c395cfg
```

4 **From the *Test* menu, select *Run Tests*.**

The Run dialog box appears. The *Start* button is selected.

5 **To start the tests, press Enter.**

The test results are displayed on the screen in the Results column.

Group 1 tests run ten times unless you specify otherwise. To run the tests continuously:

a Go to the Repetitions box on the Test Setup screen.

b Select *Continuous.*

c Deselect *Halt on Error* in the Errors box.

For test descriptions, press F1 to see online Help.

6 **When you have finished testing the NIC, exit the Configuration and Diagnostic Program and reboot the PC.**

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Running the Group 3 Test

The Group 3 test requires another PC set up as an echo server to receive packets from the NIC being tested and echo them back to the NIC. This echo server must have a 3C395 NIC running at 100 Mbps.

Before running the Group 3 test, connect to an inactive network on which only the PC being tested is operating.

CAUTION: *Running the Group 3 test while connected to an active network can cause intermittent failures.*

1. **Check that the NIC is installed and connected to the network correctly (see Chapter 2).**
2. **Boot the PC under DOS.**

   The Configuration and Diagnostic Program is a DOS application. It must be run in DOS, not in a DOS window. It will not run if memory managers or other device drivers have been loaded.
3. **Enter this command at the DOS prompt to start the Configuration and Diagnostic Program:**

   `3c395cfg`

   The program must be running on the PC that contains the NIC you want to test.
4. **To set up another PC as an echo server, select *Echo Server* under the *Test* menu and click *Start*.**
5. **From the *Test* menu, select *Test Setup*.**
6. **From the *Group Select* box, select *Group 3*.**
7. **Select *Enable Group* to enable the Group 3 test.**
8. **Select *OK*.**
9. **Go to the *Run* dialog box to start the test.**
10. **When the test is finished, end the program on the echo server PC.**
11. **On the PC with the NIC that you tested, exit the Configuration and Diagnostic Program and reboot the PC.**

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Changing the Test Setup

You may want to change certain aspects of a test; for example, the number of times the test repeats or whether the test halts when it encounters an error. If you need to change the test setup, follow these steps:

1. **From the *Test* menu, select *Test Setup*. Or, in the Run Tests dialog box, select *Test Setup*.**
2. **Select any Test Setup dialog box field.**
3. **In the Group Select box, select a test group.**
4. **Change the test setup.**

   For example, if you select the Group 1 tests, you can make the following changes to the setup:

   - In the Group X Tests box, select a test. Press the spacebar to enable or disable an individual test.
   - In the Repetitions box, specify the number of times you want to run the tests, or select the *Continuous* option.
   - In the Errors box, press the spacebar to select or deselect the *Halt on Error* parameter.
5. **Select *OK*.**
6. **From the *Test* menu, select *Run Tests*. Select *Start* to run the tests.**

Getting Help If a Test Fails

If a test fails, the NIC may not be defective. The problem may be incorrect option settings, option settings that conflict with the settings of other boards, or improper installation.

If a DOS diagnostic test fails, you can get additional information as follows:

- From the Run Tests dialog box, select the test that failed, and press Enter.
- Select *Zoom* and press Enter.

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Further Testing

If you need to test the NIC further, you can use the troubleshooting tips in Table 4-4. You can find the latest troubleshooting tips at the 3Com World Wide Web site on the Customer Support page. To access the site, set your Internet browser to the 3Com URL:

`http://www.3com.com/`

CAUTION: *Before inserting or removing the NIC from the PC, turn off the PC.*

Table 4-4 Troubleshooting Tips

Symptom	Tip
The Configuration and Diagnostic Program does not run.	Be sure that you booted the PC under DOS. No device drivers or memory managers can be loaded before you run the diagnostic tests.
The LNK LED does not light when you turn on the PC.	■ Check the NIC installation. Review Chapter 2. Make sure that the board is seated correctly in the slot. Check for specific hardware problems, such as broken traces or loose/broken solder connections. ■ Inspect all cables and connections. Check the length and rating of the UTP cable connection. Make sure that the cable segment complies with 100BASE-TX recommendations. Maximum cable length for this NIC is 100 meters. ■ Try inserting the NIC in another slot. The original slot may be defective. ■ Check the BIOS. Make sure that you are running the latest BIOS for your PC.

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Table 4-4 Troubleshooting Tips (continued)

Symptom	Tip
The NIC fails diagnostic tests.	■ If the NIC fails the Group 3 diagnostic test, be sure that the test is set up correctly, that the NIC is connected to an inactive, properly cabled network, and that an echo server is set up on the network. ■ Replace the failed NIC with a working NIC. Run the diagnostic tests again, using the same option settings as those used on the failed NIC. If the working NIC passes all tests, the original NIC is probably defective. For information on product repair, see Appendix B. ■ Install the NIC in another functioning PC. Run the tests again. The first PC you used for testing may be defective if the NIC passes the tests in this PC. ■ Remove all other NICs from the PC and run the tests again. If the tests pass, the other NICs may be causing contention. Check the configuration settings. Change the settings if they conflict with another device. See Chapter 5.

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5 CONFIGURATION

This chapter describes configuration settings for the 3C395 NIC and how to change them using the Configuration and Diagnostic Program.

Table 5-1 summarizes the configuration settings.

Table 5-1 Configuration Settings

Option	Description	Default Setting	Available Settings
Network Driver Optimization*	Allows trade-offs between network performance and CPU utilization.	Normal	Minimize CPU Utilization, Maximize Network Performance, Normal.
Full-Duplex†	Controls whether the NIC runs in full-duplex or half-duplex mode.	Auto Select	Enabled (full-duplex mode), Disabled (half-duplex mode), Auto Select (automatic selection).
Boot PROM	Allows booting from a remote device.	Disabled	Disabled is the only available setting.
Media Type	Specifies the media type.	Auto Select	10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, Auto Select (automatic selection).
I/O Port Address	Specifies the port address.	N/A	Not configurable.
Interrupt Level	Specifies the interrupt level (IRQ).	N/A	Not configurable.

* In multitasking environments, choosing the Minimize CPU setting saves CPU resources for other tasks. If no other applications are making major demands on CPU resources, choose the Maximize Network Performance setting.

† At 100 Mbps, setting the full-duplex option to Enabled improves the performance of switch or hub connections. The 3C395 NIC supports full-duplex mode at 10 or 100 Mbps. If a switch supports the NWay auto-negotiation feature and full-duplex operation, the NIC automatically runs in full-duplex mode.

CAUTION: *Before setting the NIC for full-duplex mode, make sure that the port to which the NIC is connected is also set to full-duplex mode.*

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Changing Configuration Settings

You can use the Configuration and Diagnostic Program to change configuration settings.

Table 5-2 summarizes how to select items and move through the Configuration and Diagnostic Program.

Table 5-2 Using the Configuration and Diagnostic Program

Task	Action
To select buttons	Press Tab and then press Enter.
To select other items	Use the arrow keys, and press Enter.
To escape a screen	Press Esc.
To get help	Select an item and press F1.

Follow these steps to change configuration settings:

1 **Make sure that the NIC is installed and connected to the network, as described in Chapter 2.**

2 **Boot the PC under DOS.**

The Configuration and Diagnostic Program is a DOS application. It must be run in DOS, not in a DOS window. It will not run if memory managers or other device drivers have been loaded.

3 **Insert the 3Com diskette in the drive and make that the active drive.**

4 **Enter this command at the DOS prompt to start the Configuration and Diagnostic Program:**

```
3c395cfg
```

5 **From the *Install* menu, select a NIC as follows:**

- If one NIC is installed, select *Configure Adapter*.
- If more than one NIC is installed, select the NIC that you want to configure.

The parameters for the selected NIC are displayed.

6 **Select options and select settings.**

For information on how to select items and move through the program, see Table 5-2. To get Help on an option or a setting, select it and press F1.

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7 To save settings, select *OK*.

You can save the configuration settings to a default file 3C395.SET in the CONFIG directory. Select *Save* under *File Options* in the Adapter Configuration dialog box and enter the location for the file. For example, if the CONFIG directory is on drive C, enter:

```
c:\config\3c395.set
```

8 When all changes are complete, exit the program.

Changing the Windows NT Registry

If the PC cannot run the Configuration and Diagnostic Program, you may need to set the NIC speed and duplex level in the Windows NT registry.

CAUTION: *Mistakes in the registry can cause system crashes. Be sure to save a copy of the original registry settings before you make changes, so that you can restore the registry if necessary. If you are not sure about the registry settings, consult with a knowledgeable network administrator before proceeding.*

You can set the NIC speed and duplex level in the registry by setting the MEDIA keyword in this subkey:

```
\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services
\E190x?\MEDIA keyword
```

where *keyword* is one of the following:

100HALF	100 Mbps with half-duplex operation
100FULL	100 Mbps with full-duplex operation
AUTO	Driver performs auto configuration
NotPresent	Use settings on EEPROM

The default MEDIA keyword setting is NotPresent.

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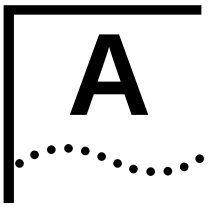

SPECIFICATIONS

This appendix lists the NIC specifications and RJ-45 connector pin assignments for the 3C395 NIC.

NIC Specifications

Network Interface

100BASE-TX Ethernet IEEE 802.3u industry standard for a 100 Mbps baseband CSMA/CD local area network.

Physical Dimensions

Height:	8.57 cm (3.75 in.)
Length:	12.07 cm (4.75 in.)

Environmental Operating Range

Operating temperature:	0˚ to 70 ˚C (32˚ to 158 ˚F)
Humidity:	10 to 90% noncondensing

Power Requirements

Operating voltage:	+5 V ± 5% @ 650 mA maximum

Cabling Requirements

100BASE-TX:	Two-pair Category 5 UTP for 100 Mbps cable
Maximum cable distance:	100 m (330.0 ft.)
Maximum network span:	205 m (672.4 ft.)

The cable, quality, distance, and connectors must comply with the EIA/TIA 568 *Commercial Building Wiring Standard* and the Technical Services Bulletin TSB38 standards.

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RJ-45 Connector Pin Assignments

Figure A-1 shows the RJ-45 connector pin assignments.

The 3C395 NIC only uses connections 1, 2, 3, and 6. The bidirectional connections (4, 5, 7, and 8) are not used.

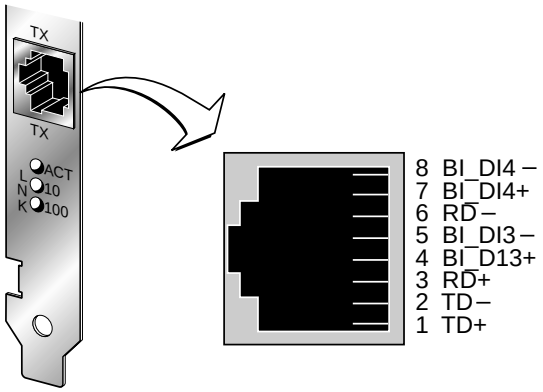

Figure A-1 3C395 NIC RJ-45 Connector Pin Assignments

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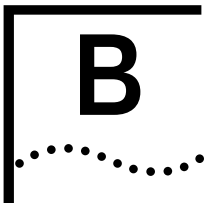

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WARNING: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules, and the Canadian Department of Communications Equipment Standards entitled, "Digital Apparatus," ICES-003.These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from the one which the receiver is connected to.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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The user may find the following booklet prepared by the Federal Communications Commission helpful:

The Interference Handbook

This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Stock No. 004-000-00345-4.

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  15.107 (e) Class B Conducted Limits
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